

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

JOHNSTON

Serial No.: Divisional of 09/605,718

Group Art Unit: 1754

Filed: February 19, 2002

Examiner: Edward Johnson

Title: COAL-BASED ORGANIC
GROWTH COMPOUND

February 19, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above divisional application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 1, adding in lieu thereof:

1. (New) A method of reclaiming coal strip-mining or deep-mining soil which comprises applying to said soil an amount of a bio-degradable plant growth composition consisting essentially of coal particulate, sodium molybdate, linear alcohol alkoxylate, magnesium sulphate, sand and water to facilitate plant growth.